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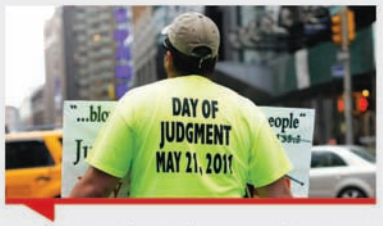

What's the first thing you did when it became clear the Rapture was a no-show?

Matt Pais (@MattPais): Questioned everything I ever thought I knew about the world, clearly.

Scott Kleinberg (@scottkleinberg): Tweeted of course. Sigh.

John Pham (@phampants): John is not here. He has been raptured. Please leave a message at the beep. BEEP!

Show's over this week. Crown a new Oprah for us.

Matt: No thanks.

Scott: Betty White. 40 million would tune in every single day. Guaranteed.

Ian O'Dea (@iaman): Ellen DeGeneres: She's adorable, funny, smart, and, best of all, loves everybody!

President Obama went to Ireland. Discuss.

Matt: So he's a "no" for my Bulls viewing party? What a jerk.

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By Samantha Nelson
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Film buffs can get their fix at the 12th Indie Incubator Film Fest, which showcases shorts from several genres. Bonus: free popcorn and $5 PBR tallboys. 8 p.m. No cover.

Sausage fest

The Map Room, 1949 N. Hoyne Ave. 773-252-7636

In honor of Craft Beer Week, the bar is serving up pairings of beer and sausage: Order any of six Great Lakes or Founders drafts and you'll get a free piece of meat. 7 p.m. No cover.

A tree stripped of its branches and leaves sits near St. John's Regional Medical Center on Monday after a devastating tornado hit Joplin, Mo.
REUTERS

'LITERALLY, THE HOSPITAL IMPLODED'

Los Angeles Times

JOPLIN, Mo. When the tornado hit, Staci Perry, a scrub technician at St. John's Regional Medical Center, had just left the operating room to grab a piece of equipment for a surgery in progress. An urgent announcement came over the loudspeaker: "Execute condition gray." That was the hospital's code for an impending disaster, though in drills, the command was always preceded by "Prepare for condition gray."

There was no time to prepare. As she heard the glass walls crack, Perry, 33, dashed back to surgery. "The pressure in everyone's ears was just tremendous," she said. A physician's assistant threw himself against the door so it wouldn't blow in and destroy the operating room. The lights went out. The wind howled.

"Literally, the hospital imploded," said Dr. Jim Riscoe, an emergency room physician at the 230-bed facility. There is an emergency plan for disasters, he said, "but they don't anticipate the emergency being the hospital."

When it was over, just after 5:30 p.m. Sunday, a 6-mile swath roughly a half-mile wide had been gouged. At least 116 people died. Five were hospital patients.

The apocalyptic after-images were depressingly familiar, reminiscent of those from the April tornadoes in the South: rubble as far as the eye could see, cars buried under pieces of houses, trees wrenched from the ground with their huge roots reaching toward the sky, columns of smoke rising from gas fires, emergency vehicles with lights flashing. And everywhere, people stunned by nature's violence mourned their losses, counted their blessings and told their harrowing stories.

In torrential rain, lightning and heavy winds, rescuers went door to door Monday, gingerly avoiding debris and downed power lines that ignited fires fueled by leaking gas. They pulled seven survivors from the rubble, officials said. Joplin officials said more than 2,000 structures were ripped apart and whole neighborhoods were obliterated. Power remained out Monday on most of the city's west side. Residents were advised to boil water.

"We still believe there are people to be saved in the rubble," said Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon, who deployed about 140 National Guard troops to help with the rescues.

President Obama, visiting Ireland, expressed his condolences in a phone call to Nixon.

Deadliest tornado since 1953

The National Weather Service said Monday that the Joplin tornado, with winds as high as 198 mph, was the deadliest single tornado since 1953, when 116 were killed in Flint, Mich. It was rated F-4 on the Fujita scale, one step below the strongest tornado. (Multiple tornadoes were responsible for about 340 deaths over four days in late April, mostly in Alabama.)

Kansas town begins road to recovery

McClatchy Newspapers

READING, Kan. Most everywhere Monday, there were signs this tiny eastern Kansas town was starting to return to life after being wrecked by a weekend tornado.

Front loaders and backhoes clogged streets as they hauled away trees felled by the 140 mph winds. Residents cleared their foundations of collapsed walls and ceilings. Utility crews worked to return electric power. Dozens of trucks hauled away debris.

Despite the damage, residents weren't ready to let their 250-person town fade away into the rolling farmland 20 miles northeast of Emporia, Kan.

"I think for the most part people here have that American spirit. They'll take this as just another bump in the road," resident Dave Adams said as he worked outside his house just a block or so from a grain elevator crumpled by Saturday night's tornado.

"I'm really optimistic," he said. "In its own small-town Kansas way, it will come back—at least for some people."

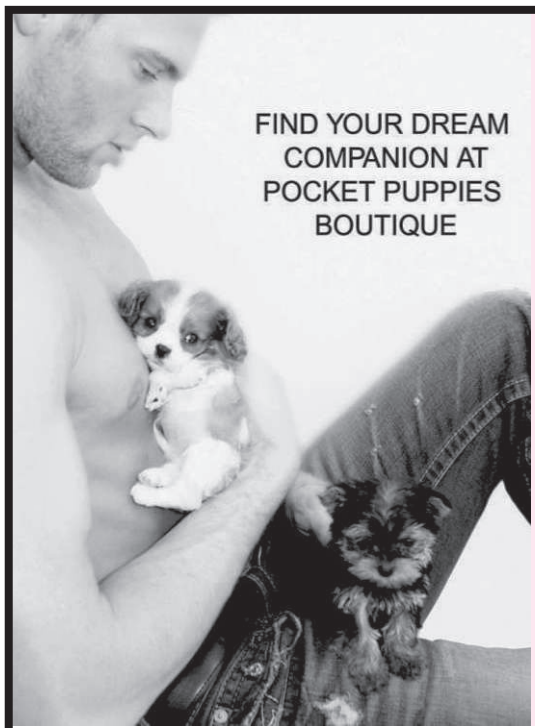
While the tornado blew out the windows of Adams' home and damaged the roof, gutters and siding, the house still was standing.

New counts reported Monday revealed that Adams was pretty lucky. About half the town's 110 homes were destroyed or substantially damaged. About half the city's businesses were destroyed as well.

The grain elevator—the focal point of the town's business district—looked like a crunched aluminum can. The roof of the post office was ripped off and the windows shattered. The town bank was closed Monday.

The city's lone restaurant is shut down for now, although the owner vows to reopen. The city's park was destroyed. So was its civic hall. The roof on the elementary school was damaged, and there was fear the school might be closed.

The cost of the storm damage was estimated Monday at $2.3 million, with the amount almost evenly split between commercial and residential properties. It's not known how much of the damaged property was insured, and questions lingered about how much federal aid—if any—the town might qualify for so it can rebuild.



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Visit Wisconsin! No, Montana! No ...

Don't have plans yet for Memorial Day weekend? Wisconsin is angling for your business.

The Wisconsin Department of Tourism rolled out its summer ad campaign on the CTA last week—including wrapping the inside of a train with fishing pictures and the slogan "The fun is closer than you think."

Other Wisconsin ads on the CTA showcase concerts and promote water sports.

"We believed the placement on the trains would allow us to showcase our creative in a way that would clearly cut through the advertising clutter and get our message in front of our target audience," tourism department spokeswoman Lisa Marshall told Going Public.

Wisconsin is not alone. Florida also is panhandling for your dollars. Visit Florida, the tourism marketing corporation for the state of Florida, launched a campaign in January on train placards that encourage CTA riders to "awaken your Florida side."

Last summer, the CTA was a battleground for tourism dollars between Montana and Milwaukee. The Montana tourism industry posted panoramic pictures of Yellowstone National Park, lakes and horses on trains and buses in an attempt to appeal to outdoorsy Chicagoans while Milwaukee targeted Chicago's lighter side.

Montana ads still are on the CTA, while a spokeswoman for Visit Milwaukee, the city's convention and visitors bureau, said the city's ads should soon be on the CTA.

Milwaukee slogans last year included: "Why settle for just a 'taste' when you can indulge all summer?" and "You have hot dogs. We have beer. Let's hang out."

The city of Chicago should consider creatively promoting its assets on the CTA. For now, the city partners with the CTA to promote taking trains and buses to various festivals. These ads appear on small placards with eye-rolling catchphrases.

Last summer, an ad for the Chicago Country Music Festival read "Mosey on down to the CMF on CTA."

Not all festival ads on the CTA lack spirit. The Chicago Fringe Festival, a performing arts fest in Pilsen, held a contest this month for artists to design a poster that will appear on the CTA to promote this year's fest, which will be held Sept. 1-11.

The winners are expected to be announced next month, according to the festival's website, **chicagofringe.org**.

Drop them a line
The city of Evanston is seeking community input about possibly creating a station on the CTA Yellow Line in south Evanston at Dodge, Asbury or Ridge avenues.

The first public meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. June 2 in the Linden Room, Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

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LGBT, heterosexual couples gearing up for state's first civil union ceremonies next week

Chicago Tribune

Paul Dombrowski and Joe Serio met in a bar, each dragged there by friends on a night when neither felt like going out. The two men had begun to give up hope of ever finding a soul mate—but that night, 15 years ago, changed everything.

As the years went by, the couple similarly lost hope in ever having their relationship recognized by the state of Illinois. That, too, will change June 2, the first day same-sex Illinois couples can enter into civil unions that will provide them with the same state-level rights as married couples.

Dombrowski and Serio will join 29 other couples in Millennium Park for a civil union ceremony that will be attended by friends, family and dignitaries such as Gov. Quinn, who signed the bill into law this year.

"This is something we never even were able to put in our dreams for our future," Dombrowski said. "We just kind of went with the fact that marriage or anything like it wasn't going to be a possibility. But now it's happening."

As of June 1, Illinois will be the sixth state that allows civil unions or their equivalent, and two other states—Hawaii and Delaware—have passed civil union laws that have not yet been enacted. Couples can get civil union licenses from county clerk offices June 1 but, as with marriage licenses, must wait one day before holding a ceremony.

Cook County Clerk David Orr said he expects a large crowd June 1. "I think there are lots of people that plan to get their license the first day. I think a lot of people will be down there even if they aren't getting their license, just to be part of the fanfare."

Orr said licenses will be available at all five of the clerk's suburban offices as well as the downtown site, which will feature food, gifts and drawings.

"It's going to be a festive occasion," he said. "Hopefully the festivities will help in case there are long lines. We only have about 20 windows down there, so we're going to do our best to staff up."

Paul Dombrowski and Joe Serio, a couple for 15 years, will be part of the mass civil union ceremony June 2 in Millennium Park.
BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE

The licenses will cost $35, the same as a marriage license. Straight couples who don't want to be married but do want the legal protections a civil union provides also are expected to take advantage of the law.

For Melissa Bert and Melissa Salisbury, the law creates an opportunity they have never had before. Bert is pregnant and due in August. She and Salisbury hope to have a civil union ceremony in June, which will allow Salisbury's name to be on the child's birth certificate along with Bert's.

"It's our shotgun wedding," Bert joked. "But really, it means so much. In August, my partner can put her name on the birth certificate. It will show that we're the parents, that we're in this from Day 1 together."

The couple have been together for six years and held a wedding ceremony in Wisconsin three years ago. That wedding carried emotional significance but wasn't recognized by either Wisconsin or Illinois, so the civil union here will be a way to get the rights they previously couldn't access.

"We look at it, at least from the emotional standpoint, that we made that commitment years ago," Bert said. "This is just validating it, at least in the eyes of the state."

Melissa Bert (left) and her partner, Melissa Salisbury, register for baby supplies at Target in Evanston. They are expecting a child in August and hope to have a civil union ceremony in June. KERI WIGINTON/TRIBUNE

The group The Civil Rights Agenda plans to host another cluster of civil union celebrations June 3 at the Chicago History Museum. Anthony Martinez, the group's executive director, said about 30 couples had signed up, reflecting the widespread enthusiasm he has seen in the city's LGBT community.

"From what we see, there are some people who are now planning their ceremonies and are waiting until they can send out invitations and whatnot," Martinez said. "But a lot of people want to be there right away, as soon as they possibly can. We know couples who are very excited about and want to be part of this historic moment."

That's the case for Angelica Lopez and Claudia Mercado, who will be another couple at the Millennium Park civil union event, hosted by the city's Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues. They've been together nearly 14 years, have a 2-year-old and are expecting another child in November, so they have nothing to prove to each other regarding the strength of their commitment.

"We know what our relationship is and what it means to us," Mercado said. "But this is a great opportunity for those that live in the state to be able to acknowledge that we do have a legitimate relationship and to be able to get recognition for the 13½ years we've been together as a committed couple."

"We look at it, at least from the emotional standpoint, that we made that commitment years ago. This is just validating it, at least in the eyes of the state." —MELISSA BERT

Advocates look beyond civil unions

Chicago Tribune

Advocates of LGBT rights say the Illinois civil union law is a historic moment worthy of celebration, but they stress that it does not mark the end of their work.

"I'm thrilled that this has become a reality in Illinois," said Rick Garcia, an activist who spent years fighting for the civil union law. "It is not marriage and it is not the same as marriage, even though opponents like to say it is. Nonetheless, real couples, real families need rights, and they need them now, so this is a good step."

Opponents of civil unions in Chicago and across the country have long said that such arrangements create a "slippery slope" that could lead to the legalization of same-sex marriage. And gay rights advocates do little to dispute that claim.

Camilla Taylor, an attorney with Lambda Legal in Chicago, a group that helped draft Illinois' civil union bill, said full marriage rights are the goal, and she expects that having civil unions will highlight some of the problems of creating a separate, marriagelike classification.

"It's not sufficient to segregate same-sex couples into an inferior status," Taylor said. "One of the big problems with doing that is it invites private bias. It sends a message that the government considers these families inferior in some way."

The next step for advocates in Illinois will be deciding whether to pursue full marriage rights through a legislative process or a judicial one.

Robert Gilligan, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Illinois, said he believes opponents of same-sex marriage would prevail if the matter were put to a vote.

"If people have the chance to vote on this issue, I am confident that the people will choose that marriage is a union between one man and one woman," Gilligan said. "If it's left to the court, we're concerned."

Taylor notes half the jurisdictions that have marriage equality have done so by legislation and the other half have achieved it through court action.

" 'How do you get to marriage from here?' is a question that varies from state to state," Taylor said.

THE NATIONAL PICTURE

As of June 1, Illinois will be the sixth state that allows civil unions or their equivalent, and two other states—Hawaii and Delaware—have passed civil union laws that have not yet been enacted. Here's a look at the status of same-sex marriage and civil unions across the U.S., according to record keeping by Equality Illinois, a gay civil rights organization. TRIBUNE, REDEYE

Issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples

» Connecticut
» District of Columbia
» Iowa » Massachusetts
» New Hampshire » Vermont

Civil unions or an equivalent that give same-sex couples state-level spousal rights

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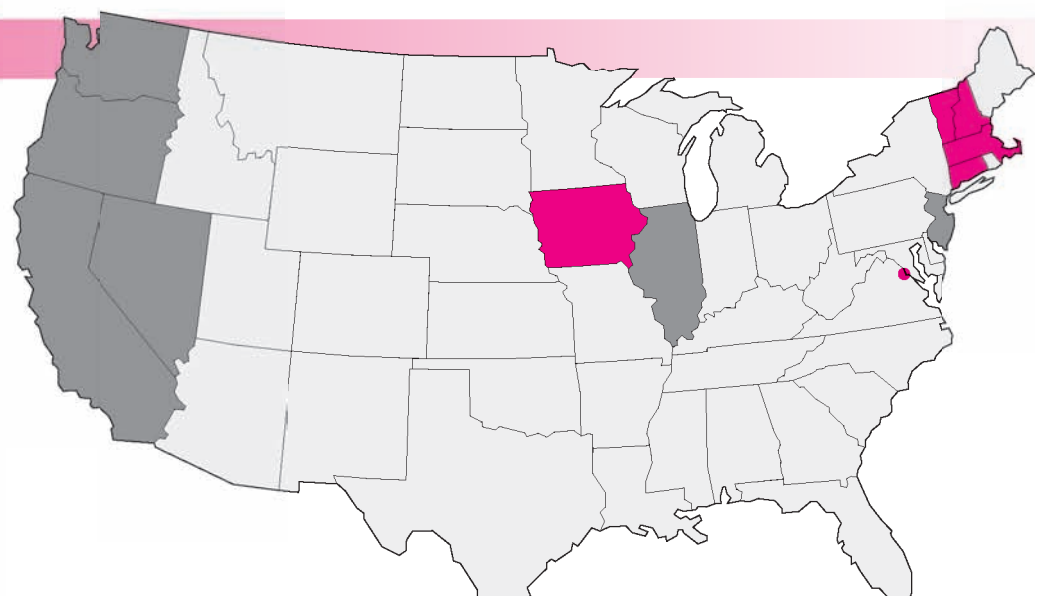
» Washington » Illinois



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City workers place concrete barriers on West Blackhawk Street where Irma Sabanovic's car plunged into the river. TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE

Crash site gets barriers

City blocks path into river days after model's body is recovered

Chicago Tribune

To prevent vehicles from plunging into the murky water, city workers installed concrete barriers and reflective signs Monday where a Goose Island side street dead-ends at the east bank of the Chicago River.

Lorraine Roman said she considers the work nearly 20 years overdue.

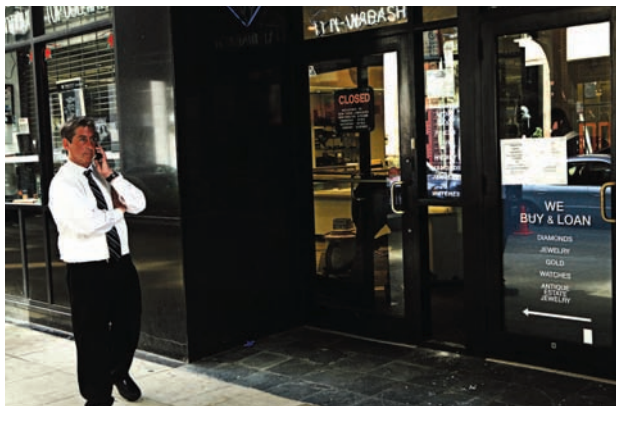
Roman's son, Rick, died in 1992 when the cab he was driving shot through a dead end on the opposite side of the river and into the water. Concrete barriers and a stop sign later were installed where Roman's cab entered the water on the west bank, but no protective measures were placed on the east bank.

That's where police believe 25-year-old model Irma Sabanovic drove her car over a curb at the end of the 1100 block of West Blackhawk Street and into the river during the rainy early-morning hours of May 12. Sabanovic, who drowned, was found Saturday inside her submerged Ford Focus.

"I would blame Chicago once again for not putting something up on both sides," Lorraine Roman said Monday. "Chicago should have put barriers up. They should have built something there on both sides of the river. They should have built a high cement wall."

Sabanovic, a Bosnian immigrant who lived in West Rogers Park, was driving to meet friends at Exit, a bar on the west side of the river on North Avenue, a few blocks north of Blackhawk. About 2 a.m., she texted a friend that she was lost. She was never heard from again.

CDOT officials did not respond to questions Monday about why no permanent barriers or signs had been installed on the east side of the river years ago, when barriers were installed on the west side of the river.



A daring jewelry heist

High-end watches with an estimated value of $500,000 were stolen Monday morning in a daring burglary at a Jewelers Row store, officials said. The heist was reported at 5:39 a.m. after an alarm was activated at New York Jewelers, 11 N. Wabash Ave., said a spokesman at the store.

Police are not certain how many people were involved in the burglary but said whoever was behind it put some thought into it because a large valet-type sign was placed at the front window of the store to block any view of the break-in. TRIBUNE

Left: New York Jewelers is closed Monday morning as workers clean up shattered glass. NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

Terrorist testifies in Chicago man's trial

Chicago Tribune

An international terrorist in two high-profile cases testified for hours in a Chicago courtroom Monday, unraveling the details of the 2008 Mumbai, India, assault that killed nearly 170 people.

Dressed in a grayish-blue windbreaker and polo shirt, his hair balding, David Coleman Headley spoke in a low monotone about how the plot unfolded, including the key role he played for the Pakistani terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba, scouting targets in Mumbai.

Headley also offered troubling information about links between Lashkar and the Pakistani government, testifying that he believed he was working for the government's secret intelligence office.

And lurking in the background, Headley testified Monday, was Chicago businessman Tahawwur Rana, his friend since childhood who is on trial in federal court in Chicago on charges he aided in this plot and a plan to attack a Danish newspaper over Muhammad cartoons. Rana, who is accused of letting Headley use his Chicago-based immigration business as a cover for the reconnaissance trips to India and Denmark, knew what he was doing, Headley said.

"I told him that I had been training with Lashkar," Headley testified about a 2006 meeting with Rana. "He was surprised."

In opening statements earlier Monday, Rana's attorney, Charlie Swift, ripped Headley as a "master manipulator" who had "made a fool" of Rana by duping him.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarah Streicker described Headley as a "clean cut-looking man" who arrived in Mumbai in fall 2006 to begin to plot what would become an "international nightmare" in 2008.

"He approved of it and he helped him," Streicker said of Rana.

Rana, 50, wearing a trim white beard and glasses in the courtroom, was a doctor in the Pakistani military who deserted to seek a better life in the West, according to his attorney.

Headley, 50, has had a far more colorful life, including being convicted twice for smuggling heroin and also acting as an informant for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. He cooperated with authorities after his arrest in the terrorism plot and pleaded guilty to avoid the death penalty.

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Who's that masked mayor?

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Chicago Tribune

Even before he took office as Chicago's new mayor, Rahm Emanuel's notoriety won him a special spot on the shelves at Fantasy Costumes.

The Portage Park costume superstore is selling an Emanuel mask, complete with one eyebrow raised slightly more than the other. The mask's name recalls a nickname Emanuel earned for his aggressive style on Capitol Hill—"Rahm-Bo."

"I think the owner's belief that [Emanuel] would win got the ball rolling early," store manager Cathy Bunger said.

With its release just before the inauguration, the former congressman and White House chief of staff joins the ranks of powerhouse political figures immortalized by masks, including Presidents Obama and George W. Bush and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

ALSO ON THE MARKET

» Among the wearable tributes inspired by former Mayor Richard M. Daley: A T-shirt that reads "We'll Miss You Mayor, Daily" below the image of broken heart and Daley's image by Rocco Shirts Chicago, and a T-shirt design by T-Shirt Deli featuring an illustration of the former mayor and the slogan "Daley For Life."

» Some eBay sellers are auctioning mayor-related memorabilia, including a 1983 letter from Daley's campaign, a Rahm Emanuel yard sign and copies of the program from the new mayor's inauguration ceremony last week.

Craft beer protection goes to governor

Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD The Illinois House on Monday sent to the governor's desk a bill designed to protect small craft brewers' ability to enter the market.

The measure, approved 112-0, would allow certain small Illinois brewers to distribute half of their own beer.

In most states, the alcohol business is composed of three "tiers": a manufacturer, a retailer and a distributor. The system, put in place at the end of Prohibition, was designed to ensure a properly regulated market.

Small craft brewers have argued that it's difficult to attract distributors with an unknown product and, therefore, it's necessary to peddle them to bars and liquor stores directly and gradually establish a following. Anheuser-Busch, however, has argued that it's discriminatory to allow in-state brewers to self-distribute when out-of-state brewers are not granted the same privilege.

Sponsoring Rep. Frank Mautino (D-Spring Valley) said the legislation would address a request by a federal judge considering a pending lawsuit brought by Anheuser-Busch.

"What we did in the bill is the same thing we did for the small wineries. Under the 15,000-barrels mark you can distribute," Mautino said. "Once you go beyond and grow beyond that, then you fall into the regular three-tier system like everybody else."

Washington

City worker charged

Prosecutors said in court Monday that Chicago Streets and Sanitation worker Dwight Washington had a blood-alcohol level of 0.183 when he drove into a crowd of pedestrians Saturday on the Near North Side. He was charged with aggravated driving under the influence, causing bodily harm and misdemeanor DUI.

High-tech fish fight

Federal and state officials said they have taken their battle against Asian carp to a new level, employing a handful of novel tools and strategies to detect and dispel the pesky species. New efforts include an underwater carp camera, fine mesh nets intended to catch larvae and a large water gun that creates a barrier by emitting sound waves underwater.

Chicago's top network?

A new report by a firm that measures mobile network performance ranks Verizon Wireless as the best-performing carrier in the Chicago market. The report comes from RootMetrics, a Bellevue, Wash.-based company that seeks to analyze mobile networks using criteria that is most helpful to a consumer.

Signs for tollway oases

Representatives from an outdoor advertising firm and the operator of the Illinois Tollway's oases unveiled their plan Monday for installing 41-by-12-foot digital signs on the sides of five of the seven over-the-road pavilions. Federal and state officials already have approved permits for the signs, officials said.

DePaul keeps hummus

DePaul University officials have decided not to remove a brand of hummus from cafeterias after the school's Fair Business Practice Committee announced Monday it found no evidence Strauss Group, the co-owner of Sabra, gives financial support to two Israeli military units. TRIBUNE, REDEYE

REUTERS

More shelling in Libya

1 Forces loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi resumed shelling Monday near the rebel stronghold of Zintan, with about a dozen heavy explosions heard east of the city. The town is on the front lines near Libya's border with Tunisia.

N.Y. bolsters smoke ban

2 New York City took its smoking prohibition outdoors Monday, adding the city's parks and beaches to the list of places where smoking is banned as part of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's campaign to promote healthy habits.

PM suffers heart attack

3 Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad suffered a heart attack while visiting the U.S. but is stable, a Palestinian government spokesman said Monday. He was in Austin, Texas, where he was attending his son's university graduation.

Report rips into Toyota

4 Toyota Motor Corp. has a way to go to fix crisis decision-making and other shortcomings in its corporate culture that played a key role in last year's safety debacle, a report by an advisory panel commissioned by the automaker said Monday.

Guilty plea in poker case

5 Illinois resident Bradley Franzen admitted in federal court Monday in New York to helping large online poker websites dodge U.S. gambling laws by processing millions of dollars in payments from his home in Costa Rica.

Still under house arrest

6 Former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn remained under house arrest and armed guard Saturday in an apartment in New York's financial district that has become a tourist attraction. He is expected to stay for a few days.

O'Bama? President fires up crowd during Dublin speech

7 **DUBLIN** Thousands of jubilant Irish residents gave President Obama a virtual hero's welcome Monday, embracing him as one of their own in a visit that included a campaign-style speech in downtown Dublin and a stop at the president's ancestral home.

Addressing an estimated crowd of 25,000 people at Dublin's famed College Green, Obama praised the "centuries-old relationship" between Ireland and America, and said he had traveled to Ireland "to reaffirm those bonds of affection."

The stop came on the first day of Obama's six-day, four-country European tour, which also will take the president to Britain, France and Poland.

The state of the global economy and the tumult in the Arab world will be high on the president's agenda during his tour, according to White House Press Secretary Jay Carney.

Later in the week, Obama plans to attend the G8 meeting in France, joining the leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United Kingdom.

Obama's visit started, however, with a nod to domestic politics.

His speech Monday repeatedly referenced the 19th century flood of Irish immigration to the U.S., and the contributions of the Irish to American life.

"Never has a nation so small inspired so much in another," Obama said. "Irish signatures are on our founding documents. Irish blood was spilled on our battlefields. Irish sweat built our great cities."

CHICAGO SHOUT-OUT

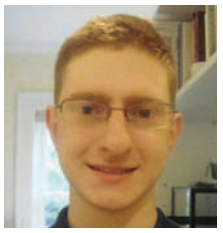
During his speech President Obama jokingly recounted the 2003 St. Patrick's Day parade in Chicago—when he was seeking a Senate nomination—during which he walked at the very end of the line, followed only by city workers picking up the garbage.

Up in smoke

9 A plane flies past a smoke plume Saturday from the eruption of the Grimsvotn volcano in southeast Iceland. Experts expect no repeat of travel chaos from a similar eruption a year ago. REUTERS

Rutgers defendant pleads not guilty

8 **NEW YORK** Defense attorneys have entered a not guilty plea for the roommate of the Rutgers University student who committed suicide following a candid online broadcast of his sexual encounter with another man, prosecutors say.

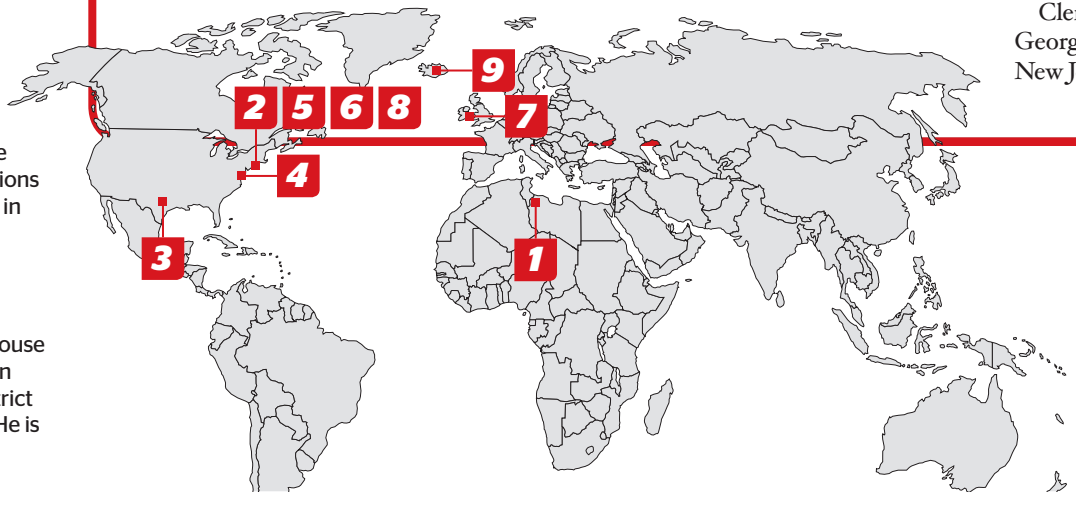


Clementi

Dharun Ravi, 19, is charged with streaming the footage of his roommate, Tyler Clementi, 18, engaging in a physical relationship with another man in their shared dormitory in September.

According to prosecutors, the video allegedly was accessed from another room and advertised on Twitter, providing "others an opportunity to view the encounter," Middlesex County (New Jersey) Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan said in a statement.

Clementi later killed himself, jumping from the George Washington Bridge between New York and New Jersey.



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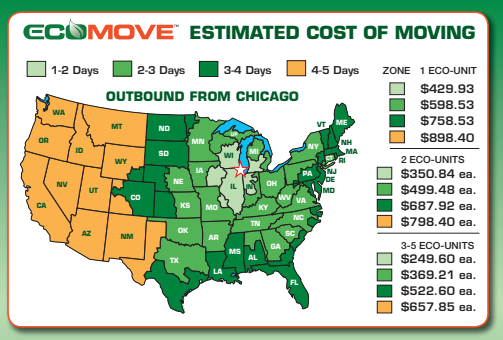

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NBA response is far from fine

Alex Quigley
twitter.com/alexquigley

The Bulls lost Game 3, and the biggest story afterward wasn't Derrick Rose's second-in-a-row bad fourth quarter, nor was it Kyle Korver's inability to do the one damn thing Kyle Korver is supposed to do.

It was Joakim Noah's anti-gay slur thrown midgame at an antagonistic Heat fan behind the Bulls bench. Jo's instinctual reaction to call the fan a "bundle of sticks" is regrettable, reprehensible and—with a $50K fine—expensive. Too expensive, in my opinion.

Let's be clear: It's a weird word to use as a heat-of-the-moment epithet. I've done it exactly zero times in my life. Nothing about the word appeals to me in the same way as [bleep], [bleep] or even z--------. "Oh yeah, buddy? Well ... I bet you are attracted to men." Zip. Zilch. Nada.

But fining Jo $50K isn't going to do much to dent the homophobic codpiece of NBA culture. Yeah, I said codpiece. Noah saw Kobe get pegged with a $100K fine, yet he still let the F-word fly. Cash penalty is not a deterrent. (And where does that money go, anyway? A gay-friendly charity organization? An anti-hate speech foundation?)

The NBA needs to get creative with its punishment. It's already running now-ironic PSAs with players denouncing the pejorative use of the word "gay." I'd like to see more immersion in gay culture, and vice-versa.

Noah should be sentenced to no less than four consecutive Saturday nights at the Kit Kat Club this offseason. He doesn't have to perform, he doesn't even have to tip. But he should try the martinis; they're pretty damn spectacular. Then Jo must spend a weekend with the Bears. And I don't mean the guys who play in Soldier Field, either. Problem solved.

This is why I should be in charge of everything.

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REUTERS

Slurred speech

Noah fined for using gay slur, but he's not the first athlete—or even Chicago sports figure—to offend with his words

Kobe Bryant has done it. Ozzie Guillen has done it. And now Joakim Noah has done it.

Using a gay slur, for some reason, is not exactly uncommon in sports. Noah's uttering of the F-word to a fan in Miami on Sunday night was just the latest in a long line of sports figures using it.

At right are some recent examples. REDEYE

NOAH FINED $50,000

MIAMI A contrite Joakim Noah was fined $50,000 Monday by the NBA for directing an anti-gay slur toward a fan during the first quarter of Sunday's Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Earlier in the day, Noah apologized again as teammates rallied to his defense.

"I just want to apologize," Noah said after a team film session at their hotel. "I had just picked up my second foul. I was frustrated. He said something that was disrespectful toward me and I lost my cool." TRIBUNE

Roger McDowell

The Atlanta Braves pitching coach threw out the gay slur at fans who were heckling him in San Francisco in April, then used a bat to make a series of crude gestures with his hips. "I am deeply sorry that I responded to the heckling fans in San Francisco on Saturday," McDowell said. "I apologize to everyone for my actions." He was suspended two weeks without pay by Major League Baseball and fined. He also was ordered to attend sensitivity training and apologize to the fans involved directly.

Kobe Bryant

The L.A. Lakers star hurled the gay slur at referee Bennie Adams during a game in April after he was hit with a technical foul. Like Noah's faux pas, TNT cameras caught Bryant in the act on live TV. "My actions were out of frustration during the heat of the game, period," he said. "The words expressed do NOT reflect my feelings towards the gay and lesbian communities and were NOT meant to offend anyone." The NBA fined Bryant $100,000.

Ozzie Guillen

Guillen is no stranger to controversy, and when he called Sun-Times columnist Jay Mariotti a gay slur in June 2006, it was no different. "I shouldn't have mentioned the name that was mentioned, but I'm not going to back off of Jay," Guillen said, using another obscenity to describe Mariotti. "The word I used, I should have used something different. A lot of people's feelings were hurt and I didn't mean it that way." Guillen was fined and ordered to attend sensitivity training.

Larry Johnson

In 2009, Kansas City running back Johnson used a gay slur in the locker room in front of reporters then again more than once on his Twitter account. Johnson apologized afterward, and the Chiefs suspended him without pay for two games before releasing him.

FULL O'BULL

A ROUNDUP OF PLAYOFF NEWS AND NOTES

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TURKEY LEG OK

The Bulls have listed Omer Asik (above, left) as day-to-day after he suffered a left leg muscle strain in Sunday's Game 3 in Miami. Coach Tom Thibodeau said Asik received treatment Monday and that he will be re-evaluated by athletic trainer Fred Tedeschi on Tuesday before a determination of his playing status is made. "It feels better," Asik said. "Hopefully, I'll play." If he can't, Kurt Thomas will play for the first time since May 4.

CLOSE OUT OR BE CLOSED OUT

One of the things you could count on with the Bulls this season was their ability to close out games. They did it all three times they faced Miami in the regular season, but the story has been different in the Eastern Conference finals. In the fourth quarters of games 2 and 3, the Bulls shot 32.4 percent. Derrick Rose shot just 1-of-6. And in Game 3, the Heat shot 56.3 percent and scored 28 points in the final period after leading by just three entering it. "It hurts a little bit, knowing that we're supposed to be this good fourth-quarter team and we haven't shown it yet," Rose said Monday.

THE DIGIT

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Number of viewers who tuned in to Sunday night's Bulls-Miami game on TNT, making it the second-most-watched NBA game in cable TV history

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Chris-mas time

If we had a Chris Bosh on this panel, we'd send him back to Toronto. Join us by visiting the Web address above.

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1 Chris Bosh has lit up the Bulls two of three games. How do you stop him?	After a night of partying, he wakes up "Hangover"-style next to a goat in Amsterdam.	Tell him all the cool kids aren't scoring and he'll follow them.	Threaten to send him to Cleveland and dress him up as the Cavs' new mascot: Chief Wahoo's alter-ego.	Replace his Air Jordans with Air Shaqs. Bosh'll be gimpy in no time.	Bear trap in the lane. Stopped me from trying to get into Phil's cubicle for his cobb salad and yogurt.
2 What would be your fan-interaction advice for Joakim Noah?	What you do is you "accidentally" sneeze your gum at the fan.	If you can't feel the fan blowing you, take it off swivel.	Next time just tell the fan "Hey, check out the babe in the third row. Now that's talent!"	"You're choking! Drink more water, it'll help wash it down."	"Whatever you do, don't eat their face off. Even if they do still have peanut butter and jelly on it."
3 Why do the Heat seem to get so many calls from the refs?	The NBA actually made an app for LeBron when he wants to get a call.	They have a listed number.	It was part of the LeBron package deal to Miami. Extra calls in the playoffs.	Has anyone checked to see if Tim Donaghy is back out there?	Sympathy for Chris Bosh's unhumanly odd appearance.
4 Game 4. How big is this one for the Bulls?	As big as the powder blue bowtie Bolohan wore to prom. Last week.	Even bigger than the number of steps LeBron is allowed to take.	It's so big Oprah plans to give free cars and trips to all the Bulls players if they win.	It's only big if the team has taken a vote and decided not to win from a 3-1 deficit.	Biggest game in Chicago sports since Bears-Packers. I wish I could quit you, NFC title game.
5 How can the Cubs' injury situation get even worse?	During the night, they'll be visited by three ghosts: Injuries Past, Injuries Present and Mark Prior.	Ronnie Woo Woo won't lose his voice.	Mike Quade could get physically assaulted while riding the Red Line to Wrigley.	Before long they're going to be asking Ron Coomer out of retirement to help. It can't get much worse.	Oh, maybe a stray bear strolls into the clubhouse and tears players to shreds? Not that I've done that.

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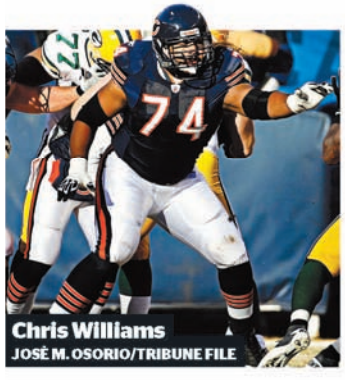
Can they work it out?

Jay Cutler, offensive line, special teams most affected by lockout

Go ahead and write off the mandatory minicamp the Bears scheduled to begin June 3. That is the same date the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis will hold a hearing in the litigation brewing between players and owners. It's the next key date in the NFL's ongoing labor impasse, and there's virtually no chance anything will happen before then, with a ruling taking perhaps a few weeks. So, on the 70th day (Tuesday) of the lockout, it appears likely there will be no offseason programs at all this spring. With no offseason program, how are the Bears most affected?


Chris Williams
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» The improvement of quarterback Jay Cutler is the No. 1 issue. Quarterbacks win championships. The rhythm of the passing game is critical in Mike Martz's scheme. You have to be on time and that requires work.

» The offensive line that allowed an NFL-high 56 sacks got its first new starter when Gabe Carimi was drafted. If the Bears elect to leave Chris Williams at left guard, he needs to get work in there. Yes, Mike Tice has missed valuable teaching time, but you never know with linemen until all the pads are on, and that doesn't happen until training camp.

» Special teams is a mystery, one Dave Toub can't unravel since he doesn't know which players will be there. Long snapper Pat Mannelly and safety Major Wright are the only punt team members signed.

» Young players lose out the most. Starting jobs aren't won in shells and shorts, but coaches are always forming opinions. There are high hopes for defensive lineman Henry Melton. Can cornerback Zack Bowman bounce back or is Joshua Moore ready to compete there? Opportunities will be there for defensive end Corey Wootton, and Wright has a shot to start at safety. They need time on the field.

» The International Cycling Union "categorically rejects" Tyler Hamilton's allegations it helped cover up a positive drug test by Lance Armstrong at the 2001 Tour de Suisse. The ICU insisted Monday that seven-time Tour de France winner Armstrong had never been notified of a positive finding.

» Novak Djokovic (right) extended his perfect season right into the French Open, beating Thiemo de Bakker 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 on Monday in the first round. The second-seeded Serb improved his 2011 record to 38-0—and stretched his winning streak to 40—on the second day of the tournament.

GAME PLANNER

» **Cubs vs. N.Y. Mets**, 7:05 p.m. WGN

» **White Sox at Texas**, 7:05 p.m. CSN

» **NHL: Vancouver vs. San Jose**, 8 p.m. Vs.

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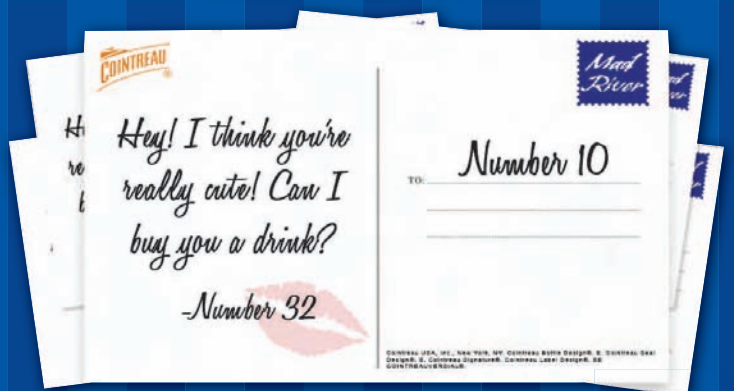

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Cheese, please

Who says grilled cheese is just for kids?

By Erin Brereton

The Mona Lisa on the wall inside Lakeview grilled cheese spot **Cheesie's** (958 W. Belmont Ave., 773-388-1574) isn't smiling. She's swallowing. It's not clear which of the eatery's gooey grilled cheese sandwiches the artistic icon is snacking on—the one filled with french fries? Or sausage? But with eight to choose from at $5.95 apiece, this new restaurant has got your grilled cheese cravings covered.

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The Caprese
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Biggest hangover helper

The Tradicion. Named after the Mexican eatery that preceded Cheesie's, The Tradicion is the eatery's greasiest grub, stuffed with Chihuahua cheese, chorizo sausage and jalapenos on Texas toast. "We basically make a full quesadilla and toss it in between bread," Johnston said.

Most filling fare

The Chicken Club. Think anything hand-held will leave you hungry? Cheesie's take on a chicken melt includes Chihuahua and cheddar cheese, bacon, tomato, a marinated chicken breast and Thousand Island dressing.

Healthiest option

The Caprese. This sandwich piles mozzarella, tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil, black pepper and fresh basil on sourdough. It's served with pesto mayo but, unlike some of the other options, doesn't have bacon or cream cheese. "It's the healthiest by default," Johnston said.

MORE GRILLED CHEESE

Since grilled cheese bar The 44th Ward Dinner Party closed, Cheesie's may have cornered the market on the classic sandwich—but it won't be the city's only grilled cheese spot for long. This fall, nightlife veteran Dion Antic plans to open a gourmet grilled cheese eatery called **Melt**, also in Lakeview. Antic's new West Loop hangout **Porkchop** (941 W. Randolph St., 312-733-9333), already offers a grilled cheese ($8), made with white cheddar, provolone and pancetta. Here are four more grilled cheeses for your to-eat list.

Bite Cafe

1039 N. Western Ave., 773-395-2483

This revamped Ukie Village eatery serves its brioche and aged cheddar grilled cheese sandwich ($9) with sweet tomato jam.

Hoyt's

71 E. Wacker Drive, 312-346-9870

The toasted ham and cheese sandwich ($12) at this Loop restaurant features Wisconsin cheddar and Boar's Head ham, with a tiny jar of house-made sweet pickles on the side.

Rewster's Cafe

3152 W. Diversey Ave., 773-647-3432

The gooey grilled cheese ($10.50) at this Lincoln Park eatery is made with brioche bread, honey butter and Pave d'Affinois cheese.

Bobo's Market-Cafe

1953 W. Chicago Ave., 312-226-8198

This West Town spot serves its toasted sandwiches ($6.25) open-faced with toppings such as brie or buffalo mozzarella with roasted eggplant spread.

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8 p.m. $7. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

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$3 well cocktails; no cover; 1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-764-8900.

MURPHY'S BLEACHERS
$3 Tullamore Dew shots and cocktails; 3655 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-5356.

O'MALLEY'S WEST
$3 12-inch cheese pizzas; 2249 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-935-2719.

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TRUE STORY

RIDE THE WAVE OF CELEBRITY TELL-ALLS TO FIND OUT WHICH MEMOIR IS FOR YOU

By Leonor Vivanco
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Stints in rehab. Sex scandals. Near-death experiences and dark childhood secrets.

All parts of a good true-Hollywood story, sure. But more important, the X-factors of any tell-all celeb memoir worth reading.

Naturally, fans have never been able to resist stories of superstardom, downward spirals and comebacks.

But these days, the tell-all craze is larger than life. More than a dozen celebrity memoirs hit bookstores this spring. And the memoir has become just one more step in creating a star's brand, resulting in a flood of page-turners on everything you ever wanted to know (and more) about anyone who's trying to extend his or her 15 minutes of fame.

Syracuse University pop culture expert Robert Thompson calls it one step in the "multiplatform exploitation" of celebrity.

For the memoirs to be must-reads, though, there has to be some fascinating and compelling content.

"The easiest way to give these things some juice is talk about stuff that is controversial," Thompson said.

But that's becoming increasingly difficult when most scandalous details are exposed almost immediately—certainly more quickly than the time it takes to write and publish a book—thanks to celeb gossip sites. The proliferation of entertainment networks, shows, websites and magazines has only increased the appetite for the fascination with celebrities, he said.

A memoir is a way for the star to control the story and what gets written, but it's also an item that should be approached with an incredible amount of suspicion, Thompson said.

RedEye thumbed through seven memoirs released in April and May, scouring for fascinating tidbits, so you can figure out for yourself which book to put on your summer reading list.

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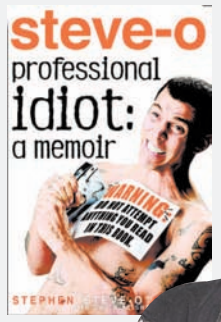
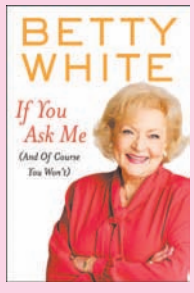
IF YOU ... GET GROSSED OUT BUT STILL LOVE 'JACKASS'



Read: Stephen "Steve-O" Glover with David Peisner's "Professional Idiot" ($25.99, 336 pages, out June 7)
The gist: Now sober for more than three years, the daredevil had risked his life with crazy, death-defying stunts and constant use of drugs until costar Johnny Knoxville and other friends staged an intervention and checked him into a psych ward and rehab.
The gem: "I realized what I really loved was filming myself doing dangerous stunts with the video camera—so why not just do that?"
Random fact: He went to Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College.
Names dropped: Kat Von D, Gene Simmons, Tommy Lee, Kid Rock, Lindsay Lohan, Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie

IF YOU ... WATCHED BETTY WHITE ON 'SNL'

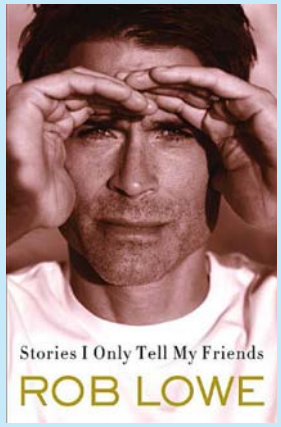


Read: Betty White's "If You Ask Me" ($25.95, 272 pages)
The gist: The busy 89-year-old and animal lover recounts winning her seventh Emmy for hosting "Saturday Night Live," though she turned down the gig three times and was scared about going on because she doesn't use cue cards. She starred in a Snickers Super Bowl commercial and in the sitcom "Hot in Cleveland" but still has stage fright.
The gem: "A few years ago I was asked one of the standard questions for probably the umpteenth time: 'Is there anything you haven't done in your career that you would still like to do?' Well, I had just seen Meryl Streep and Robert Redford in 'Out of Africa' for the third time, so the answer was automatic: 'Yes, Robert Redford.' "
Random facts: She has no idea what her real hair color is, never lets her weight change by more than 5 pounds and is addicted to crossword puzzles.
Names dropped: Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Alec Baldwin, Tina Fey

IF YOU ... LAUGH OUT LOUD DURING '30 ROCK'

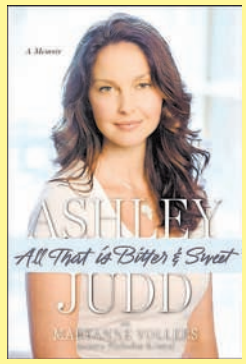
Read: Tina Fey's "Bossypants" ($26.99, 288 pages)
The gist: She uses humor, wit and sarcasm to describe her rise from the front desk at the YMCA in Evanston to the news desk on "Saturday Night Live." She talks about writing sketches for nine years before graduating to "30 Rock"—and preparing her Sarah Palin impersonation by watching YouTube.
The gem: "My dream for the future is that sketch comedy shows become a gender-blind meritocracy of whoever is really the funniest."
Random fact: She's been called "Frankenstein Arms" because she moves her right arm in unison with her right leg when dancing.
Names dropped: Chris Farley, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert, Amy Poehler, Sylvester Stallone, Oprah Winfrey, Alec Baldwin, Tracy Morgan

IF YOU ... IDOLIZE THE BRAT PACK



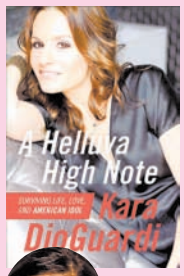
Read: Rob Lowe's "Stories I Only Tell My Friends" ($26, 320 pages)
The gist: "The Outsiders" pretty boy's life has been a whirlwind of chance encounters with celebrities, cutthroat auditions with Hollywood's elite, and struggles with staying sober and developing a womanizing reputation—from dating a princess to being involved in a sex tape scandal.
The gem: "But for the actors in the Brat Pack, this new scrutiny, the minimizing and condescending lumping together of very different talents and personalities, took a toll. It was the end of the carefree, innocent nights on the town together, and the end of a number of friendships. Some never got over their resentment and some never had the chance to work their way to being identified with other, perhaps more iconic, projects and roles."
Random fact: He tried out for "Footloose" and popped his knee doing a dance move.
Names dropped: Robert Downey Jr., Sean Penn, Charlie Sheen, Emilio Estevez, Michael J. Fox, Tom Cruise

IF YOU... OWN 'KISS THE GIRLS' ON DVD



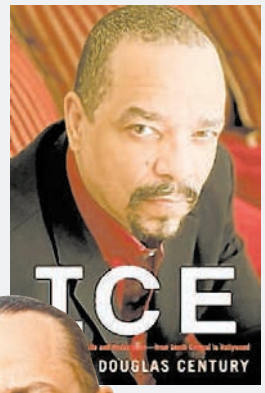
Read: Ashley Judd with Maryanne Vollers' "All That Is Bitter & Sweet" ($26, 432 pages)
The gist: The actress survived a life of depression and abandonment as a child in a dysfunctional country-music family. She weathered physical abuse, child molestation and rape to become an actress and humanitarian travelling to various countries as a YouthAIDS global ambassador.
The gem: "I often felt like an outsider observing my mom's life as she followed her own dreams. Sometimes I was allowed momentarily into her inner sanctum—the bedroom while she studied or where I was occasionally permitted to sit beside her as she applied her makeup. I spent a lot of time waiting and watching, hoping for my turn with her. It rarely came."
Random fact: She majored in French and had four minors at the University of Kentucky and graduated from the Harvard Kennedy School in 2010.
Names dropped: Dario Franchitti (her husband), Michael Bolton, Bono, Bill Gates, P. Diddy, Salma Hayek

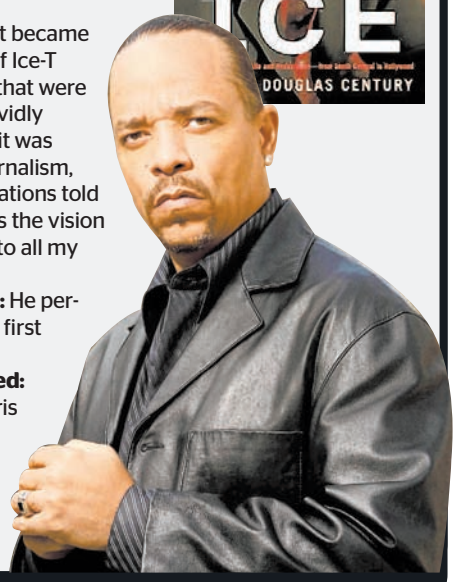
IF YOU ... VOTE ON 'AMERICAN IDOL'



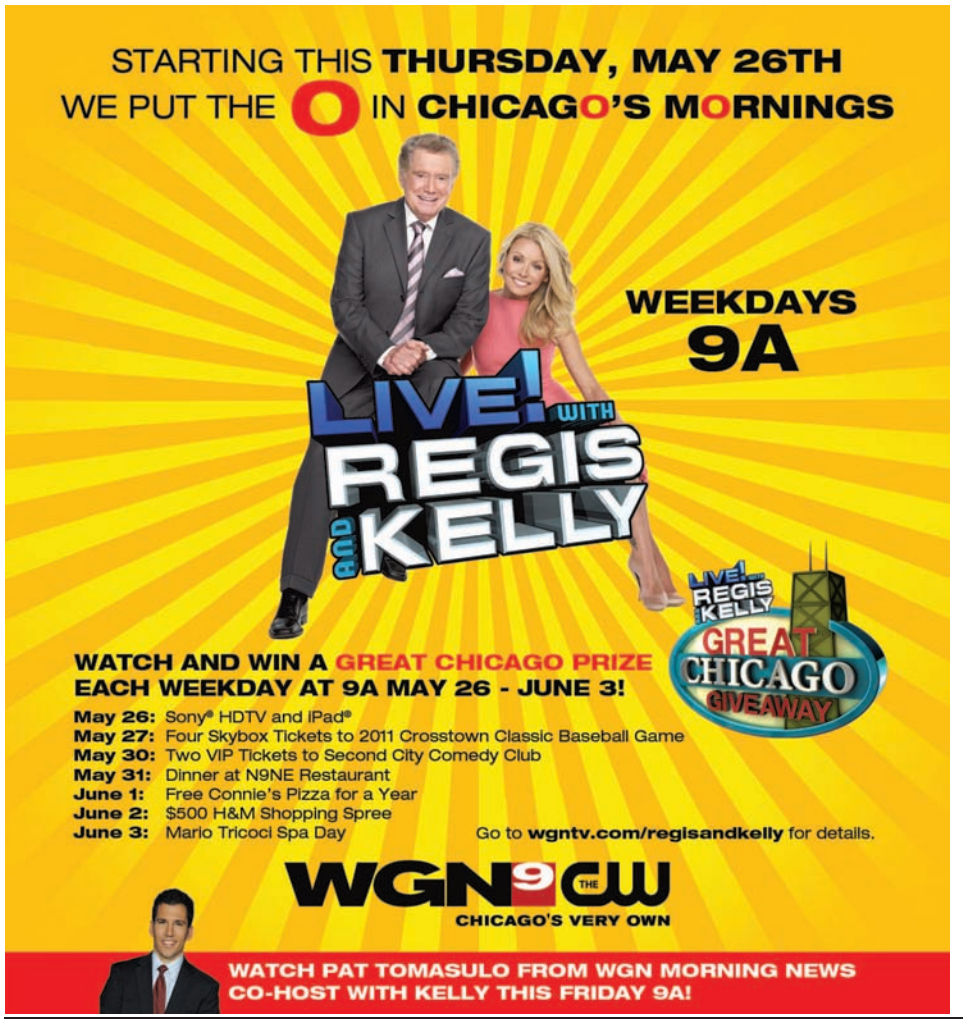
Read: Kara DioGuardi's "A Helluva High Note" ($24.99, 226 pages)
The gist: The fourth "Idol" judge reveals dark secrets of child molestation, rape by a music producer and an eating disorder. She opens up about what "Idol" was like behind the scenes and writing chart-climbing songs with pop stars.
The gem: "Looking back, I wish I had wowed America from the start and been better than I was during the first season [of 'American Idol']. But I am human and was in an impossible position. I did the best I could."
Random fact: She mentioned Steven Tyler to one of the "Idol" producers as a replacement for Simon Cowell.
Names dropped: Paula Abdul, Pink, Ashlee Simpson, Simon Cowell, Christina Aguilera

IF YOU ... LISTEN TO GANGSTA RAP





Read: Tracy Marrow "Ice-T" and Douglas Century's "Ice" ($25, 272 pages)
The gist: An orphan at age 12, Ice-T chronicles his crime-filled life as a teen, his career rapping about L.A. gangster life and recording his controversial "Cop Killer" song, and his transition into acting in movies and on TV.
The gem: "That became the signature of Ice-T style—rhymes that were 'topical' and 'vividly optical.' To me it was street-level journalism, real-life observations told in poetry. That's the vision I tried to bring to all my recordings."
Random fact: He performed at the first Lollapalooza.
Names dropped: Flavor Flav, Chris Rock, Wesley Snipes, Tupac, Lupe Fiasco, Jay-Z



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- **Bill Cunningham New York** (NR) 5:15,7:15,9:30
- **Meek's Cutoff** (PG) 5:00,7:20,9:40

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1608 N. Wells, Chicago
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Show times change daily

- AMC Independent **I Am** (NR) 5:10,7:45
- AMC Independent **Jane Eyre** (PG–13) 4:30,7:10
- AMC Independent **Cedar Rapids** (R) 7:35 P.M.
- AMC Independent **The Conspirator** (PG–13) 4:45,7:30
- AMC Independent **Potiche** (R) 5:00 P.M.

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- **Source Code** (PG–13) 10:05,12:40,3:05,5:35,8:05
- AMC Independent **Everything Must Go** (R) 11:00,1:35,4:05,6:45,9:40
- AMC Independent **Cost of a Soul** (R) 11:05,1:45,4:25,7:05,9:45
- **Bridesmaids** (R) 10:20,1:30,4:30,7:30,10:30
- **Bridesmaids** (R) ◆ 11:20,2:30,5:30,8:30
- **Rio 3D** (G) 10:15,12:45,3:30,6:05,8:45
- **Priest 3D** (PG–13) ◆ 11:25,1:55,4:40,7:10,9:55
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 11:15,12:15,2:15,3:15,5:15,8:15,11:15
- **Go for It!** (PG–13) 1:50 P.M.
- AMC Independent **Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D** (G) 10:35,12:50,3:20,5:45,8:10,10:35
- **Priest** (PG–13) ◆ 10:25,12:55,3:40
- **Thor** (PG–13) ◆ 10:15,1:15,4:15,7:15,10:15
- **Thor** (PG–13) (Closed caption) ◆ 10:15,1:15,4:15,7:15,10:15
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** (PG–13) ◆ 10:45,2:00,5:10,8:30
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** (PG–13) ◆ 12:15,3:30,7:00,10:15
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 10:40,11:40,2:40,4:40,5:40,7:40,8:40,10:40
- **Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family** (PG–13) 10:45 P.M.
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) 11:45,2:20,5:05,7:45,10:20
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG–13) ◆ 10:00,11:30,1:10,2:45,4:25,6:00,7:50,9:10,11:00
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) ◆ 10:00,1:20,4:30,7:20,10:25
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) 11:10,2:05,5:00,8:00,10:50

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
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- AMC Independent **There Be Dragons** (PG–13) 9:55,12:50,6:35,9:45
- **Bridesmaids** (R) 12:25,3:45,6:50,10:00
- **Bridesmaids** (R) 10:40,1:50,5:00,8:10,11:00
- **Rio 3D** (G) 10:25,1:05,3:55,6:40,9:25
- **Priest 3D** (PG–13) 10:20,12:55,3:25,6:05,8:40,10:55
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 11:30,12:30,3:30,5:30,6:30,9:30
- **Go for It!** (PG–13) 3:50 P.M.
- **Priest** (PG–13) 11:35,2:10,4:45,7:20,9:55
- **Thor** (PG–13) 10:30,1:30,4:30,7:30,10:40
- **Thor** (PG–13) 2:30,8:30
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** (PG–13) 10:35,12:15,2:00,3:40,5:25,7:05,8:50,10:30
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 10:00,1:15,4:25,7:45,10:50
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) 11:50,2:45,5:35,8:20,10:45
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG–13) 11:25,2:50,6:15,9:40
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) 10:15,1:20,4:15,7:15,10:15
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides-IMAX 3D** (PG–13) 9:45,1:10,4:35,8:00,11:00
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) 9:50,12:35,3:35,6:45,9:50
- AMC Independent **The Beaver** (PG–13) 11:55,2:40,5:15,7:50,10:25

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) 1:00,3:45,6:45,9:45
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 1:30,4:30,7:40,10:40
- **Thor** (PG–13) 1:10,4:15,7:00,9:40
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 1:40,2:15,4:40,7:30,10:20
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) 1:15,4:00,6:50,9:30
- **Priest** (PG–13) 3:20,7:50
- **Priest 3D** (PG–13) 5:40,10:00
- **Bridesmaids** (R) 1:20,4:20,7:10,10:10
- **Forks Over Knives** (PG) 2:20,4:50,7:15,9:55
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** (PG–13) 3:30,6:40,9:50
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG–13) 12:50,4:10,5:00,7:20,8:00,10:30
- **The Hangover Part II** (R) Advance Tickets Available
- **Kung Fu Panda 2** (PG) Advance Tickets Available
- **X-Men: First Class** (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available

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- **Bridesmaids** (R) 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10
- **Priest 3D** (PG–13) 1:00,3:15,5:35,7:55,10:25
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 11:15,2:05,4:50,7:35,10:30
- **Go for It!** (PG–13) 11:45 A.M.
- **Priest** (PG–13) 11:40,2:10,4:35,6:55,9:25
- **Thor** (PG–13) 12:55,3:35,6:15,9:10
- **Rio** (G) 12:40,3:05,5:30,7:50,10:20
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** (PG–13) 11:30,12:15,2:40,3:30,5:40,6:45,8:45,10:00
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 1:35,2:00,4:25,5:00,7:30,8:05,10:35
- **Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family** (PG–13) 11:00,1:30,4:00,6:30,9:00
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG–13) 1:15,4:30,7:45
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) 1:15,3:55,6:35,9:20
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) 11:35,2:15,4:55,7:40,10:15

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- **Bridesmaids** (R) 2:05,4:50,7:50,10:35
- **Priest 3D** (PG–13) 1:40,3:50,6:05,8:20,10:40
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 2:20,5:00,7:40,10:25
- **Go for It!** (PG–13) 1:45,4:05,6:20,8:40
- **Priest** (PG–13) 12:40,2:50,5:05,7:20,9:40
- **Thor** (PG–13) 1:20,4:00,6:40,9:25
- **Rio** (G) 1:55,4:25,6:50,9:20
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** (PG–13) 1:00,4:15,7:30,10:30
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- **Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family** (PG–13) 1:05,3:40,6:10,8:45
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG–13) 2:00,5:15,8:30
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) 12:10,1:50,2:50,4:20,5:20,8:00

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- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG–13) ★ 12:15,1:30,2:00,3:10,3:40,4:45,5:15,6:30,7:00,8:00,8:30,9:40,10:20,11:15
- **Rio** (G) 12:50,3:50,6:15,8:50
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 12:40,1:20,3:30,4:30,6:20,7:20,9:10,10:00
- **Priest 3D** (PG–13) ★ 12:30,3:20,6:10,8:40,11:00
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** (PG–13) ★ 1:00,4:15,7:30,10:45
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 2:20,5:10,8:10,11:10
- **Bridesmaids** (R) ★ 12:00,1:10,3:00,4:00,6:00,7:10,9:00,10:10
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) 1:15,4:20,7:15,9:50
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) 2:10,5:00,7:50,10:50
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) 1:40,4:40,10:30
- **Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D** (G) 1:50,4:10,6:45,9:30

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- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG–13) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 12:15,3:40,7:00,10:20
- **Bridesmaids** (R) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 12:00,3:00,6:00,9:00

OAK PARK

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1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
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- **Bridesmaids** (R) ★ 1:40,4:20,7:00,9:40
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- **Thor** (PG–13) 1:30,4:00,6:30,9:00
- **Rio** (G) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 1:15,4:10,7:10,9:55
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) 9:00
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG–13) ★ 11:00,1:00,2:00,4:00,5:00,7:00,8:00,10:00

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- **Bridesmaids** (R) ◆ 11:15,12:50,2:10,3:45,5:05,6:40,8:00,9:35
- **Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D** (G) 12:10,2:30,4:50,7:10,9:30
- **Everything Must Go** (R) 11:00,1:45,4:35,7:25,10:15
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) ◆ 12:30,3:50,7:35
- **Forks Over Knives** (PG) 11:40,5:15,10:45
- **Incendies** (R) 2:15,7:45
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) ◆ 11:35,2:20,4:55,7:30,10:05
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** (PG–13) ◆ 11:00,12:40,2:05,3:50,5:10,7:00,8:15,10:10
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG–13) 1:30,4:40,7:50
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG–13) 11:45,3:00,6:10,9:20
- **Priest** (PG–13) ◆ 11:10 A.M.
- **Priest 3D** (PG–13) 1:25,3:45,6:05,8:25,10:45
- **Rio** (G) ◆ 11:20,1:55,4:25,7:05,9:35
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) ◆ 11:30,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:30
- **The First Grader** (PG–13) 11:30,2:10,4:45,7:20,9:55
- **Thor** (PG–13) ◆ 11:05,1:45,4:30,7:15,10:00
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 12:20,3:05,5:50,8:35
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) ◆ 11:05,1:50,4:35,7:40,10:30

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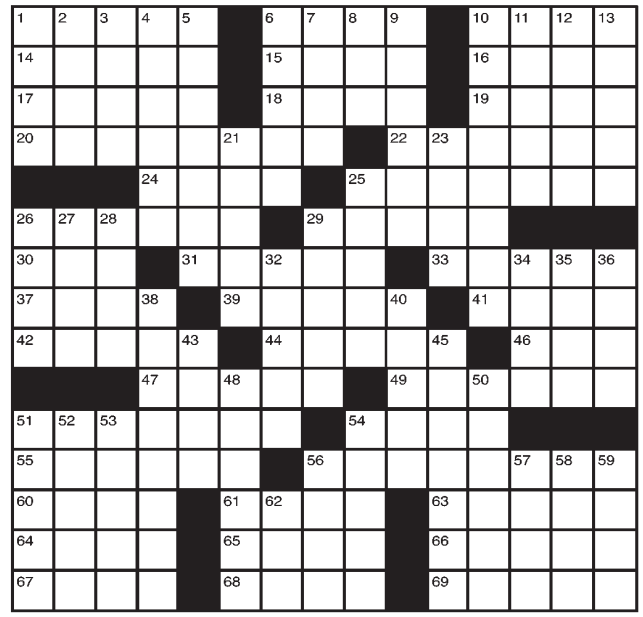

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1 Invoices
6 Surrounded by
10 Big party
14 "Bye, Pierre!"
15 Freeway division
16 Make eyes at
17 Kitchen grippers
18 Terminates
19 Housekeeper
20 Toddlers' footed PJs
22 Flowing back
24 Teller's cry
25 Put in order
26 __ worry; hasn't a cause to fret
29 Up and about
30 Baseball official, for short
31 1/8-ounce drops of liquid
33 Trimmed the lawn
37 Connects
39 Carrying a gun
41 Wise old man
42 Water vapor
44 __ training; boot camp
46 Charged atom
47 Bird's claw
49 Girl's bow
51 Sailor
54 Greek cheese
55 Worshipped
56 Hours for going to sleep
60 Asian desert
61 Festival
63 Perfect
64 Heron's cousin
65 "...and they lived happily __ after."
66 Boldness
67 Penny
68 Ruby & scarlet
69 Avarice

DOWN
1 Nocturnal flying mammals
2 False deity
3 On __; using the Internet
4 Story handed down
5 Temporarily bar from school
6 Watchful
7 __ best friend; dog
8 Muncie's state: abbr.
9 Abandon
10 Attacks with artillery
11 Once more
12 Injured arm support
13 Row of shrubs
21 Additional amount
23 Soft cheese
25 Donkeys
26 Pecan & filbert
27 Give off
28 Fencing sword
29 Jordan's capital
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34 Canter or trot
35 Personalities
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GAGA-OGRAPHY

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW AMERICA'S FAVORITE WEIRDO?

Lady Gaga's second full-length studio album, "Born This Way," officially dropped Monday after being leaked on the Internet weeks ago. After a well-received appearance on "Saturday Night Live" over the weekend, Gaga should churn out the sales regardless of whether "Born This Way" is better than her first studio album, "The Fame." She has an army of little monsters following her every move, after all. They know every minute detail about their heroine, but since you may not, we've got a Lady Gaga primer to get you up to speed.

REUTERS, REDEYE

Lady Gaga
GETTY IMAGES

HER LIFE

Real name: Stefani Germanotta
Born: March 28, 1986, in New York

» Learned to play the piano by age 4.

» Performed for the first time in public at 14 in a New York nightclub.

» Says the inspiration for her name came from Queen song, "Radio Ga Ga."

» Was granted early admission to New York University's Tisch School of the Arts at 17, where she studied music before leaving school.

ROAD TO FAME

» In 2007, Lady Gaga worked at Interscope Records as a songwriter for other artists, including Britney Spears, New Kids on the Block and The Pussycat Dolls.

» R&B singer Akon discovered Gaga while she was performing a burlesque show called "Lady Gaga and the Starlight Revue."

» In 2007 and 2008, Lady Gaga wrote and recorded her debut album, "The Fame." The rest, as they say, is history.

NEW ALBUM

According to the Los Angeles Times, Lady Gaga's new album, "Born this Way," lacks subtlety and features the worst tendencies of dance music. Read the full review at **redeyechicago.com** and in Saturday's RedEye.

CHI-CAGA

» Her fans made Lollapallooza 2010 more fashionable with glitter, wigs, sequins and monster outfits (above) for her Aug. 6 performance.

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» During Lolla weekend, Lady Gaga had dinner at Table Fifty-Two in the Gold Coast and was seen at Lincoln Park bar Delilah's prior to her show.

» Gaga also appeared at Lollapallooza 2007 before she was big. One festival-goer told RedEye at the time: "It's hard to believe they [sic] could get signed to a record label."

RECENT NEWS

» Over the weekend, Gaga did more than just sing as the musical guest on the season finale of "Saturday Night Live." She appeared in two sketches, and most memorably, in a digital short (above) called "3-Way (The Golden Rule)," with host Justin Timberlake and Andy Samberg.

» "Born This Way" became the fastest-selling single ever on Apple's iTunes store worldwide, racking up more than 1 million downloads in five days, Apple said in February.

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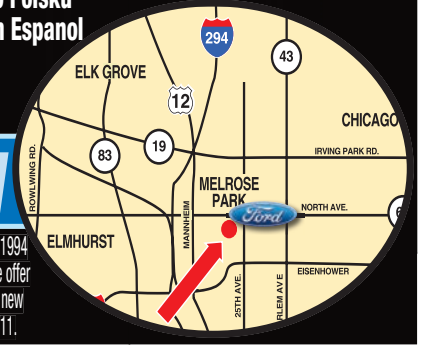

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Christina Hendricks
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Real deal

Yes, her breasts are real, "Mad Men" star Christina Hendricks confirms in a new interview with a British magazine. Clearly tired of being questioned about them, she says, "They're so obviously real that anyone who's ever seen or touched a breast would know." There's gotta be a joke in here somewhere ...

'Muppet' mania

It's (almost) time to play the music and light the lights! The first sneak peek of Jason Segel's Muppet movie was released Monday ... and we do mean peek. The 92-second clip tries to pass itself off as a flick about a romance between Segel and Amy Adams' characters—but wait, there are Muppets in this movie! Phew! It hits theaters Nov. 23.

Alex Pettyfer
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STRIPPER SECRETS

Alex Pettyfer will take it all off for the upcoming male-stripper movie "Magic Mike." "I will do whatever needs to be done," Pettyfer told **nymag.com** when asked if he would go full frontal for the movie in which he co-stars with Channing Tatum. "I am definitely going to have to take some dance classes. I don't think male strippers use poles. The male stripper has no props apart from themselves."

Gwyneth Paltrow
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All sung out?

She was on the right track, baby, but no more. The New York Post reports that Gwyneth Paltrow's recording deal with Atlantic Records has fallen through. Her rep says she's still considering an album deal with other labels, but we'll have to get our fix from "Country Strong" and "Glee" for now.

"NOT PREGNANT, FOR THE RECORD."

Fergie, to **hollyscoop.com**, stopping a rumor before it starts. The Black Eyed Peas singer did say that starting a family with husband Josh Duhamel might be on the agenda while her band is on a break.

The sweetest thing

While the winner won't be known until Wednesday, at least one surprise has been revealed for the season finale of "American Idol": U2 will perform, the band's longtime manager, Paul McGuinness, tells **billboard.com**. Just in time to whet our appetites for U2's performance at Soldier Field in July.

THE DIGIT

$750,000

That's how much Ashton Kutcher will make per episode of "Two and a Half Men" as Charlie Sheen's replacement, The Wall Street Journal reports. That's a bargain compared with Sheen's price of $2 million per show.